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Regional Parks to Partially Re-Open Santa Ana River Trail

Reduced Lanes Will Allow Cyclists to Resume Use of Trail

The county will soon partially reopen the Santa Ana River Trail west of La Cadena Drive. The trail was closed in early February after heavy rain caused serious erosion.

The county will open up one lane no later than May 28. The areas will be marked by orange safety fencing and signage on barricades segregating the closed lanes from the open-use areas. The County Regional Parks Department plans to regularly monitor the trail for any further damage to ensure the trail is safe for the public.

The county decided to partially reopen the trail after Regional Parks consulted with geologic engineers to determine the cause of the erosion. Regional Parks hired RMA Group, which performed soil borings and test pits two weeks ago. RMA's preliminary findings indicate that there is no expectation of catastrophic failure in the affected areas without significant amounts of additional rain.

"We greatly appreciate the public's patience as we've worked to re-open the trail," said Supervisor Josie Gonzales who represents the 5th District which includes the trail.

"The Santa Ana River Trail is a tremendous activity that combines exercise, health and nature, adding to the variety of great outdoor resources that help make our county such a unique place to live," said Supervisor Gonzales.

"I am especially proud when I see entire families out there running, walking, and biking. I know those who use it regularly are as excited about its re-opening as I am," she added.